

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes:

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Chairman, during the colloquy between Mr. HANSEN and myself during today's consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 a statement was inadvertently made in error. In the colloquy, which concerned the development of fiber optic sensor technology in the Navy's anti-submarine warfare program, I stated that the committee fully funded the Navy's budget request for the development of fiber optic technology, including \$11.3 million to complete the development of the All Optical Deployable System. The reference to the budget request "including \$11.3 million to complete the development of the All Optical Deployable System" was incorrect. Accordingly, I would like to clarify that the committee has fully funded the Navy's budget request for anti-submarine warfare research and development and the increased emphasis in that program on the development of fiber optic sensor technology for submarine, surface ship, and surveillance system sonar and other applications.

HONORING ROBERTA AND
ORVILLE TONSING

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Orville and Roberta Tonsing, owners of Holyoke Cleaners, for their business excellence and commitment to public service. Holyoke Cleaners has been operating successfully in Holyoke, Colorado for many years, and been a genuine asset to the community.

In addition to running their business, the Tonsings have donated many dollars and countless hours to their community. Roberta has served on the City Council since 1985, and also lent her time to several town boards including the Variance Board, Cemetery Board, Housing Authority Board, Tree Board and Library Board. Orville, too, has been active, serving on the Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department and the Rural Fire Board. In addition, Orville also heads up "BeCause," a group of residents helping other residents in times of need.

It is for these reasons I happily rise today to honor Orville and Roberta Tonsing, and hold

them up in the House, and to all Americans, as a shining example of the best of America's businesses. They exemplify the industrious spirit, can-do attitude, and community involvement that made America great.

IN HONOR OF DR. XIE XIDE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Xie Xide for receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters from Cleveland State University.

Dr. Xide is a distinguished physicist, educator and internationalist. She has served as Professor and Director of Modern Physics at Fudan University, Adjunct Director of the Shanghai Institute of Technical Physics, and Vice President of the Chinese Physical Society. She is also a member of the Presidium of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chair of the Twenty-first International Conference of Semiconductor Physics. Dr. Xide has published seventy-six papers in prestigious international scientific journals. She was inducted as a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the Third World Academy of Sciences. Dr. Xide was also elected as an honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Physical Society. In addition, she has also served as both Vice President and President of Fudan University.

Dr. Xide's efforts to foster international dialogue have been recognized by twelve universities in Canada, England, Hong Kong, Japan and the United States which have awarded her honorary degrees. Currently, as Adviser to Cleveland State University and Director of its American Studies Center, Dr. Xide promotes the international exchange of scholars and students. She has developed Fudan's present faculty exchange program with Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Dr. Xide has made many outstanding contributions to scientific research, education and international understanding.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating Dr. Xide on receiving the Doctor of Humane Letters from Cleveland State University.

INTRODUCTION OF A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT (FQPA)

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a House Concurrent Resolution calling for heightened Congressional oversight over the implementation of the Food Quality Protec-

tion Act (FQPA). As you know, Mr. Speaker, FQPA was unanimously enacted in the 104th Congress with bipartisan support. By its enactment, Congress intended to ensure the use of sound science in federal regulation of pesticides, replace the "Delaney Clause" with a unified standard, and institute workable protections of infants and children. FQPA's enactment was hailed, by Republicans and Democrats alike, as a remarkable bipartisan effort, after more than a decade of effort. The implementation of FQPA's goal ensures that the proper use of safe pesticides is a critical element in protecting public health and making for a safe, abundant, and affordable supply of food. Conclusively, FQPA provided the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with wide latitude to adapt its regulatory system to incorporate constantly improving scientific information as it becomes available.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, EPA's interpretation of Congressional intent has many in production agriculture calling for increased oversight of EPA actions. Congress never intended nor expected FQPA to result in major disruptions to U.S. agriculture or other activities which require pest control tools. EPA's actions have also led many to conclude that EPA was proceeding with unilateral cancellations of some pesticides which could harm the production of certain crops on millions of acres of U.S. cropland.

As grower concerns heightened, the Administration responded with a Memorandum to both the EPA and the USDA. The "Memo" outlined four principals which would guide EPA and USDA as they work together on FQPA implementation. The four principals are: Sound Science in Protecting Public Health; Transparency; Reasonable Transition for Agriculture; and Consultation with the Public and Other Agencies.

While the effort is laudable and has produced new dialogue, Mr. Speaker, it is time, once again, for Congress to make its wishes known on this truly historic legislative achievement. Consequently, I am introducing a House Concurrent Resolution (H. Con. Res.) incorporating the goals of the "Memo", along with other guiding principals. The Resolution is meant to re-affirm Congress' commitment to a fair FQPA implementation. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the support of my colleagues and for its eventual adoption.

HONORING JOHN CHATWORTHY
AND CHATWORTHY MOTORS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, Fort Morgan, Colorado is a city rich with tradition and history. Set on the plains of Eastern Colorado, it is a symbol of the West.

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